



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE
FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES

RESOLUTION NO. 66

Series of 2020

August 27, 2020

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, to prevent the sharp rise of COVID-19 cases in the country, the President placed the entirety of Luzon under Enhanced Community Quarantine until April 14, 2020;

WHEREAS, on March 30, 2020, to develop a science-based approach in determining the risk-based classification of areas in the country, the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) convened a sub-Technical Working Group tasked to develop the LGU Epidemic Response Framework and to define parameters in assessing recent developments in the Philippine COVID-19 situation;

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2020, the IATF finalized the parameters for deciding on the lifting or extension of the Enhanced Community Quarantine in Luzon, which include trends on the COVID-19 epidemiological curve, the health capacity of the country, social factors, economic factors, and security factors;

WHEREAS, on April 30, 2020, the Office of the Executive Secretary issued Executive Order (E.O.) No. 112 Imposing an Enhanced Community Quarantine in High-Risk Geographic Areas of the Philippines and a General Community Quarantine in the Rest of The Country from 01 To 15 May 2020, Adopting The Omnibus Guidelines On The Implementation Thereof, And For Other Purposes;

WHEREAS, on May 27, 2020, the IATF released an updated risk classification in all Provinces, Highly Urbanized Cities and Independent Component Cities in the country, placing localities under different classifications of community quarantine with the goal of balancing economic activity and public health;

WHEREAS, as of August 27, 2020, there are total of Sixty-Eight Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Seven (68,357) active COVID-19 cases in the Philippines;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, that pursuant to the recommendations of the IATF sub-Technical Working Group (sTWG) on Data Analytics, the IATF approves the following:

1. The adoption of major changes in the COVID-19 risk-classification method for Provinces, highly urbanized cities (HUCs), and independent component cities (ICCs):
 - a. The continuation of the community quarantine classification for provinces, HUCs, and ICCs as of September 1 to 31, 2020, unless the circumstances signal the need



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for escalation or if applications for de-escalation are submitted and approved.

- b. The use of new parameters for escalation and de-escalation of risk classifications, as follows:
 - i. For Escalation: Health Care Utilization Rate (HCUR) of dedicated beds and equipment for COVID-19; and
 - ii. For De-escalation:
 - a. Health care utilization rate;
 - b. Daily attack rate, two week growth rate, and case doubling time;
 - c. Barangay with new cases in the past 14 days;
 - d. Surveillance, contact tracing and isolation efficiency;
 - e. No local transmission from Locally Stranded Individuals/Returning Overseas Filipinos index case for two (2) weeks;
 - f. Establishments closed or workers affected due to COVID-19;
 - g. Clusters in workplace and establishments;
 - h. Food security indicators;
 - i. Social indicators on multidimensional deprivation ; and
 - j. Adherence to minimum health standards in specific settings (e.g. markets, transport, public spaces).
- c. The revised procedure for reporting and recommendations for risk classifications by the IATF SubTWG for Data Analytics, namely:
 - i. Monthly reporting of the national epidemiologic, health system capacity, and socio-economic status; and
 - ii. Semi-monthly (every two weeks) signal reporting on HCUR beginning 01 October 2020, for assessment of possible escalation or risk classification of identified critical areas.
- d. The standardization of requirements for provinces, HUCs, and ICCs, applying for de-escalation from GCQ to MGCQ to the Screening and Validation Committee every 25th of the month:
 - i. LGUs attestation and proofs of capacity in stated indicators; and
 - ii. Regional IATF concurrence and attestation of verification of LGU claims, through official sources and spot checks



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2. Beginning 01 September 2020, the risk-level classifications of Provinces, Highly Urbanized Cities (HUCs), and Independent Component Cities (ICCs) shall be as follows:

a. The following provinces, HUCs, and ICCs shall be placed under Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ)* until 30 September 2020, without prejudice to the declaration of localized Enhanced Community Quarantine in critical areas:

i. For Luzon:

- a. Cordillera Administrative Region - Abra**, Apayao**, Ifugao**, Benguet**, Kalinga**, Mountain Province**, Baguio City**;
- b. Region I - Ilocos Norte**, Ilocos Sur**, La Union**, Pangasinan**, Dagupan City**;
- c. Region II - Batanes, Cagayan**, Isabela**, Nueva Vizcaya**, Quirino, Santiago City**;
- d. Region III - Aurora**, Bataan**, Nueva Ecija**, Pampanga**, Tarlac**, Zambales, Angeles City**, Olongapo City**;
- e. Region IV-A - Cavite**, Laguna**, Rizal**, Quezon**;
- f. Region IV-B - Marinduque, Occidental Mindoro**, Oriental Mindoro**, Romblon, Palawan**, Puerto Princesa City**; and
- g. Region V - Albay**, Camarines Norte**, Camarines Sur, Catanduanes, Masbate**, Sorsogon, Naga City**.

ii. For Visayas:

- a. Region VI - Aklan**, Antique**, Bacolod City**, Capiz**, Guimaras**, Iloilo**, Iloilo City**, Negros Occidental**;
- b. Region VII - Bohol**, Cebu, Cebu City, Lapu-Lapu City, Mandaue City, Negros Oriental**, Siquijor**, and
- c. Region VIII - Biliran**, Leyte**, Southern Leyte**, Eastern Samar, Northern Samar, Western Samar**, Ormoc City**, Tacloban City**.

iii. For Mindanao:

- a. Region IX - Zamboanga, City, Zamboanga del Norte**, Zamboanga del Sur**, Zamboanga Sibugay**;
- b. Region X - Bukidnon**, Camiguin**, Lanao del Norte**, Iligan City**, Misamis Occidental**, Misamis Oriental**, Cagayan de Oro City**;
- c. Region XI - Davao City, Davao de Oro**, Davao del Norte**, Davao del Sur**, Davao Occidental**, Davao Oriental**;
- d. Region XII - North Cotabato**, South Cotabato**, Sarangani**, Sultan Kudarat**, General Santos City**, Cotabato City**;
- e. Region XIII (Caraga) - Agusan del Norte**, Agusan del Sur, Dinagat Islands, Surigao del Norte**, Surigao del Sur, Butuan City**; and



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- f. Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) - Basilan**, Lanao del Sur**, Maguindanao**, Sulu, Tawi-Tawi.

**Recommendations assuming similar risk classification prevails on 30 August 2020*

***NTF and DILG shall ensure localized actions are implemented*

- b. The following provinces, HUCs, and ICCs shall be placed under General Community Quarantine (GCQ)* until 30 September 2020, without prejudice to the declaration of localized Enhanced Community Quarantine in critical areas:

- i. For Luzon:

- a. All HUCs of the NCR and the Municipality of Pateros;
- b. Bulacan; and
- c. Batangas.

- ii. For Visayas:

- a. Tacloban City.


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3. Provinces, HUCs, and ICCs characterized hereinabove may appeal their classification to the IATF Screening and Validation Committee, with the concurrence of their RIATF, not later than 30 August 2020, 12:00 NN; and
4. DILG is directed to inform the local chief executives on the Preliminary List on Province/ HUC/ ICC classifications for purposes of preparation and appeal.

RESOLVED FURTHER, the Chairperson and the Co-Chairperson shall be duly authorized to sign for and on behalf of the Inter-Agency Task Force.

APPROVED during the 66th Inter-Agency Task Force Meeting, as reflected in the minutes of the meeting, held this 27th of August 2020 *via* video conference.


FRANCISCO T. DUQUE III
Secretary, Department of Health
IATF Chairperson


KARLO ALEXEI B. NOGRALES
Cabinet Secretary, Office of the Cabinet Secretary
IATF Co-Chairperson



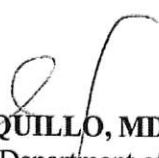
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CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that:

1. I am presently an Assistant Secretary of the Department of Health;
2. I am the designated Head of the Secretariat of the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) on the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases created under Executive Order No. 168, series of 2014 and chaired by the Department of Health (DOH);
3. The IATF Secretariat holds office in the DOH Main Office, San Lazaro Compound, Tayuman, Sta. Cruz, Manila;
4. I am the custodian of the records of the IATF, including the Minutes of Meetings and Resolutions;
5. In the Regular Meeting of the IATF held on **27 August 2020** via teleconference during which a quorum was present and acted throughout, IATF Resolution No. **66** was unanimously approved and adopted;
6. The foregoing resolution has been signed by Secretary Francisco T. Duque III and Cabinet Secretary Karlo Alexei B. Nograles upon authority of the IATF Members;
7. The aforesaid resolution has not been altered, modified nor revoked and the same is now in full force and effect;
8. I am executing this Certification for whatever legitimate purpose this may serve.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature this **27th** day of August 2020, Manila.


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